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and the economic organization more important. The final outcome will be a semi-socialistic "freeman's citizenship," in which class interests have entirely disappeared.

While decidedly one-sided in its neglect of all factors save force in state origin and of all influences save the economic in state development, the book is a brilliant study of certain important phases of political evolution. The author errs in believing that the social-contact theory of state origin is still seriously held, and in considering the political and economic organizations of society as separable and antagonistic. The translation is unusually well done.

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POND, OSCAR L. *Public Utilities*. Pp. liv, 954. Price, \$6.00. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1913.

This is a work of great merit that will be useful to practicing lawyers, state officials and members of public service commissions. At the present time over one-half of the states vest in a commission authority over most municipal and other utilities. A few cities have established municipal public utilities commissions. The activities of these public bodies and of the attorneys who appear before the commissions make such a work as that by Mr. Pond of especial value.

The early part of the volume contains chapters which consider in detail the legal powers of the municipalities, and discusses the legal questions connected with franchises and municipal contracts. Problems of taxation are also considered. The latter part of the book is concerned with problems of regulation of the services and charges of public service corporations. In the chapters upon municipal ownership, the author takes a conservative position, his view being that, "with an efficient regulation and control of the service furnished by municipal public utilities and the rates charged for it, the necessity for municipal ownership as a means of regulation and control in the majority of cases at least would disappear." The author, however, believes that each municipality should be in a position to adopt the policy of municipal ownership whenever conditions justify such a course.

The next to the last chapter of the book discusses and advocates municipal bureaus or commissions as a useful and necessary aid to the city in regulating public utilities. The final chapter of the book considers state public utilities commissions which are claimed by the author to be necessary. The state public service commission is required for the regulation of utilities outside of the big cities in which public utilities commissions may be justified. Even in the case of large cities it is desirable that the state should have such authority over public utilities as may be necessary to deal with interurban questions.

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RIVES, GEO. L. *The United States and Mexico*. Pp. xiv, 1446. Price, \$8.00. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1913.

No branch of the foreign affairs of the United States is susceptible of such widely different interpretations as our relations with Mexico. The events